

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic mail device comprising:
  - a mail accepting unit accepting an input of an
  - 5 electronic mail as a processing object;
  - a keyword extraction unit obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;
  - a search unit searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an
  - 10 additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail, etc.
  - processed in the past; and
  - an adding unit adding the searched additional
  - 15 information to the electronic mail as the processing object.
2. An electronic mail device according to Claim 1, wherein the keyword extraction unit extracts,
- 20 as a keyword, information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient.
3. An electronic mail device according to Claim 1, wherein the keyword extraction unit extracts,
- 25 as a keyword, a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date

and time, or the present date and time.

4. An electronic mail device according to  
Claim 1, further comprising an additional information  
5 selection unit accepting, in a case where the search  
unit has searched for plural pieces of additional  
information, a selection of the information, which is  
actually added, from the plural pieces of additional  
information.

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5. An electronic mail device according to any  
one of Claims 1 through 4, wherein when receiving the  
electronic mail from a source terminal and  
transmitting the mail to a destination terminal, the  
15 additional information is added to the electronic  
mail.

6. A recording medium recorded with an  
information adding program for an electronic mail,  
20 for making a computer execute steps of:  
accepting an input of an electronic mail as a  
processing object;  
obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;  
searching for additional information  
25 corresponding to the keyword from an additional  
candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the  
additional information to the mail, etc.

processed in the past; and

adding the searched additional information to  
the electronic mail as the processing object.

5           7. A recording medium recorded with an  
information adding program for an electronic mail  
according to Claim 6, wherein the step of obtaining  
the keyword involves extracting, as a keyword,  
information about an existing area of a sender or  
10 about a pre-registered recipient.

8. A recording medium recorded with an  
information adding program for an electronic mail  
according to Claim 6, wherein the step of obtaining  
15 the keyword involves extracting, as a keyword, a date  
and time recorded in relative time since a date and  
time of transmission, an absolute date and time  
obtained from the present date and time, or the  
present date and time.

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9. A recording medium recorded with an  
information adding program for an electronic mail  
according to Claim 6, further comprising a step of  
accepting, in the case of having searched for plural  
25 pieces of additional information in the step of  
searching for the additional information, a selection  
of the information, which is actually added, from the

plural pieces of additional information.

10. An information adding method for an electronic mail, by which an electronic mail device executes steps of:

5        accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

         obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;

         searching for additional information

corresponding to the keyword from an additional

10       candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail, etc.

         processed in the past; and

         adding the searched additional information to the electronic mail as the processing object.

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11. An information adding method for an electronic mail according to Claim 10, wherein the step of obtaining the keyword involves extracting, as a keyword, information about an existing area of a  
20       sender or about a pre-registered recipient.

12. An information adding method for an electronic mail according to Claim 10, wherein the step of obtaining the keyword involves extracting, as  
25       a keyword, a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time,

or the present date and time.

13. An information adding method for an  
electronic mail according to Claim 10, further  
5 comprising a step of accepting, in the case of having  
searched for plural pieces of additional information  
in the step of searching for the additional  
information, a selection of the information, which is  
actually added, from the plural pieces of additional  
10 information.

14. An information adding program for an  
electronic mail, for making a computer execute steps  
of:  
15 accepting an input of an electronic mail as a  
processing object;  
obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail;  
searching for additional information  
corresponding to the keyword from an additional  
20 candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the  
additional information to the mail, etc.  
processed in the past; and  
adding the searched additional information to  
the electronic mail as the processing object.

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